

only in reputed/recognized specialized hospitals/treatment centers in the country. Although not exhaustive, following illustrative list of ailments would be of primary consideration; serious ailments like neuro-surgery; ophthalmic disorders; heart related problems; renal disorders; organ transplantation; congenital disorders; gene-therapy; plastic surgery; joint replacement etc. The basic idea would be that the Mission may satisfy about the need for foreign national to come to India for medical treatment/health enhancement.

Concessional travel facility

†1895. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of trains of Indian Railways in which facility to travel at concessional rates have not been permitted to disabled persons;
- (b) the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any other class of travellers are also not allowed to travel free or at concessional rates besides the disabled persons; and
- (d) the reasons for such kind of discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Concession is not granted to disabled persons in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi and Garib Rath trains.

(b) Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains are premium trains in which scope of concession has been limited to patronize full fare paying passengers. The fares for Garib Rath trains are already subsidized and no concessions have been granted in these trains.

(c) Yes, Sir. Like disabled persons, concession has not been given to any other type of passengers.

(d) Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains are premium trains in which scope of concession has been kept limited to maximum full fare paying passengers. The fares for Garib Rath trains are already subsidized and no further concessions have been granted in these trains.

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